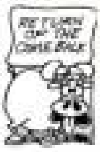
Mike Arroyo back on public display



By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

CLOSE TO A YEAR AFTER going on voluntary exile to take the heat off his wife, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo is now back on public display.

Arroyo returns to the public [illegible]

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SC upholds 'live-in' setup if approved by religion

By Armand N. Nocum

FILIPINOS CAN ENTER INTO A "LIVE-IN" RELATIONSHIP if this is allowed by their religion, a landmark ruling of the Supreme Court—content not to be seen of the 15 justices—declared yesterday.

Dissenting justices led by Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban warned that the ruling could open the floodgates to people who would use religion as an [illegible]

SC UPHOLDS / A8

GMA rushed to St. Luke's



OUT OF MINDANAO: Soldiers from the 3rd, 4th and 9th IBs pulled out of Mindanao for deployment in Quezon got a rousing reception from President Arroyo, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Senga (center), Army chief Gen. Esperon and the controversial Maj. Gen. Palparan.

Suffered acute stomach pains while having dinner

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WAS RUSHED TO ST. LUKE'S Medical Center last night after complaining of abdominal pains while having dinner at a restaurant on Tomas Morato Avenue in Quezon City.

First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and some Cabinet members, including Health Secretary Francisco Duque, were present at what was supposedly a pre-birthday dinner for Ms. Arroyo whose birthday falls on the 27th, when the President is scheduled to be in Europe.

It was Duque who reportedly told the President that she looked pale and had to rest [illegible].

She returned to Malacañang where she was examined by Presidential Security Group Dr. [illegible], who then advised her to go to the hospital. It was 8:30 p.m. when she was brought to St. Luke's by First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor said he was told by the doctors the President was safe, that there was nothing to worry about because all she had was an upset stomach.

She was diagnosed by Dr. [illegible], chief of St. Luke's Liver Center and Dr. [illegible], a neurologist and senior vice president for medical affairs of the hospital.

But Defensor said the President would have to remain at the hospital. The First Gentleman [illegible]

GMA RUSHED / A6

Business to gov't: Protect us vs NPA

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Christine O. Avendaño

"CAN THE GOVERNMENT PROTECT us?"

This was the common reaction of businessmen interviewed by the Inquirer to a Malacañang warning that companies giving in to extortion by communist rebels would face criminal charges as part of a crackdown on the Maoist insurgency.

Businessmen yesterday said their compliance with a Palace order for them to stop paying so-called "revolutionary taxes" hinged on the government's capability to protect them and their enterprises from reprisal by the communist New People's Army.

Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Donald Dee said no businessman wanted to give in to NPA demands for money. "But if we refuse, can we be protected by the AFP or PNP? If so how do we get the protection?" Dee asked.

Consumer advocate and businessman Raul T. Concepcion said the government should have [illegible]

NPA / A6

Lopezes reassert P3-B stake in EPCIB



MANUEL M. LOPEZ



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By Doris L. Lucas

THE LOPEZ FAMILY AND ITS flagship firm, First Philippine Holdings Corp., yesterday reasserted their claim over a P3-billion stake in Equitable PCI Bank that may determine who ends up controlling the country's third largest financial institution.

Family patriarch Oscar M. Lopez said the 7.13 percent stake sequestered by the government from Trans Middle East (Phils.) Equity Inc. of the Romualdez family actually belonged to the Lopezes as part of their business empire seized by the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos and his cronies soon after the declaration of martial law in 1972.

At a press briefing yesterday, brothers Oscar and Manuel M. Lopez and their nephew Eugenio "Gabby" L. Lopez III issued a joint statement saying their family "has not forgotten the injustice they suffered under the Marcos regime."

The contested stake covers [illegible]

LOPEZES / A6

91 nursing grads petition PRC to suspend nursing board

By Vincent Cabreza

PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—NINETY-ONE nursing graduates here petitioned the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) yesterday to place the members of the Board of Nursing "under preventive suspension" for test leaks that were allegedly distributed during the June 11 and 12 board examinations in the city.

The petitioners also asked the PRC to stop the release of the test results until it could determine how some examinees identified with the R.A. Gapuz Nursing Review Center obtained handwritten samples of the tests. The center is owned by Ray Gapuz.

Lawyer Cheryl Daytec-Yangot, sister-in-law of one of the complainants, Lilian Grace Yangot, asked the PRC to delay the scheduled July 2 release of the exam results to allow the commission "to re-compute the scores [by] disregarding the leaked questions."

The complainants said in an affidavit that examinees who benefited from the test leaks "did not author the irregularity and should not be punished."

But "it is [the complainants'] unshakable position that [illegible] the integrity of the recent board examination and dispensing fairness to those who had no share of any drop of the leakage in the examination questions, the former is of more importance," they said.

Lawyer Yangot asked the PRC to suspend the board members because "the leakages could not have been perpetrated without the active participation or negligence [of any or all the] members."

Claiming that the irregularity had damaged the integrity of the [illegible]

NURSING / A6

300 citizens push 2nd impeachment case vs GMA

By Philip C. Tubeza

A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE PUSHED ahead yesterday with a planned second impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo, ignoring a move by her lawyers to block the effort in the House of Representatives.

Organizers said some 300 private individuals and groups had signed the complaint, which would be filed on Monday.

During the launching of the "Citizens' Impeachment Case to Unseat Macapagal-Arroyo," Nini Quezon-Avanceña said that the 300 individuals and groups who signed the complaint wanted the President to answer once and for all questions about her legitimacy, political killings and graft scandals.

"We feel that the only thing now that citizens can do is to give her a chance to explain these charges and give her her day in court because she is claiming that it is just the political opposition, that is against her," said Quezon, 85, daughter of former President Manuel Quezon.

"Those of us who are joining here do not belong to the political opposition," she said.

Quezon said the signatories would charge the President with culpable violation of the Constitution and betrayal of public trust.

300 CITIZENS / A6

Defense notes 'Nicole' jeans, panties not torn, no seminal stains

By Volt Contreras and Tarra V. Quismundo

DEFENSE LAWYERS IN THE Subic rape case yesterday focused on the lack of any tears—which could indicate a struggle—in the underwear and denim jeans that the complainant "Nicole" was wearing during the alleged crime.

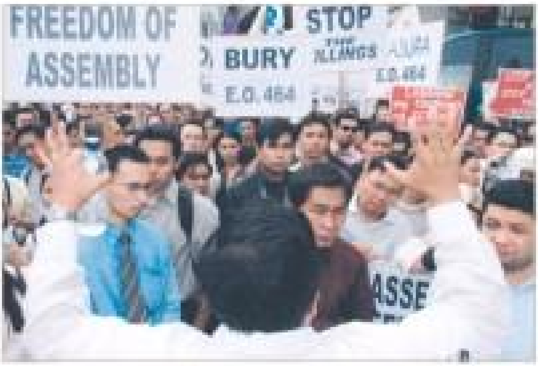
They also managed to note at the Makati Regional Trial Court hearing that these two articles of clothing had "no seminal stains" when examined by the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory.

The lawyers of the four accused US Marines used the 11th hearing in grilling the 15th prosecution witness, Melchor Delegencia, the investigator who took photographs of the pieces of evidence at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority's Intelligence and Investigation Office (IIO).

It was Delegencia who took pictures of Nicole's panties, jeans, a used condom and its torn foil wrapper, a piece of condom wrapper found inside the jeans, the Starex van where the alleged rape took place, and the trip ticket issued in hiring the van.

Prosecutors also presented Delegencia to further disprove allegations made recently before [illegible]

DEFENSE / A6



LAWYERS BARRED FROM MENDIOLA: The concerns of the well-groomed rallyists are right up there on the placards but Jose Anselmo Cadiz, president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (back to camera), tells his colleagues, law students and members of militant groups to back away from Mendiola Bridge (near China Roces) which is a no-rally zone, after antiriot cops warned the demonstrators. (Story on Page A3.)

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Despite pending abolition, judge gives 7 death penalty

Miriam files bill against abortionists

SEEKING TO PUT MORE TEETH into the constitutional ban on abortion, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago has filed a bill that would impose severe penalties on doctors, midwives, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals found to have aided in aborting a fetus. [remainder of article illegible]

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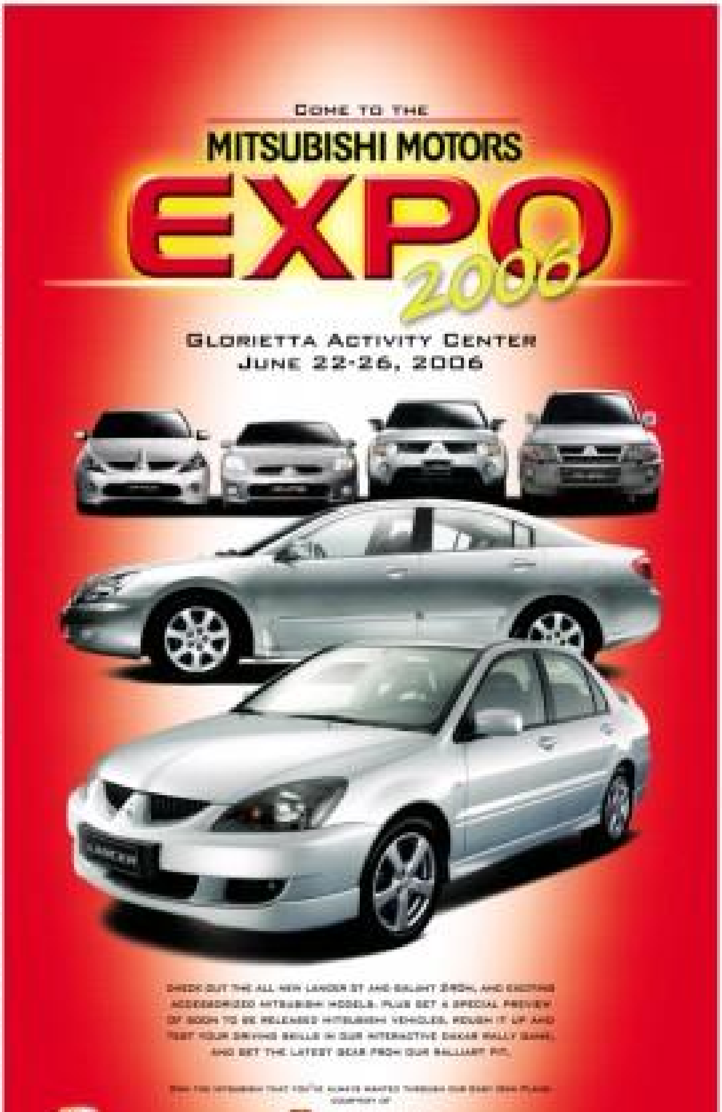
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BY ALL ACCOUNTS, ABOUT A WEEK PASSED between the resignation of Lt. Col. Orlando de Leon as chief of staff of the Philippine Marines and the release to the public of his letter of resignation. This is significant, because it shows that even if he wanted to cause a maximum amount of trouble, he still wanted to give the impression that he tried to do things in a gentlemanly fashion: first submit his resignation, and then, after a decent interval, let the public know his reasons for quitting.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines has responded to the release of De Leon's letter by saying it wished he hadn't done that. Col. Tristan Kison, chief of the military's public information office, said it would have been better if De Leon had just aired his grievances before his superior officers instead of sharing them with the opposition and the media.

Kison has a point. It is not as if De Leon had left the service to speak up as a private citizen. He remains an officer on active duty, even if his status is "floating."

Predictably, allies of the administration in Congress have rushed to denounce De Leon's statement that "unbearable political pressure" led him to resign his position. It's all ugly politics, professional politicians intoned, perhaps unaware of the irony of the statement.

Malacañang officials were more subtle, with Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita claiming that De Leon was on the verge of being dismissed, if he hadn't already been dismissed, and tried to muddle the issue by claiming he had resigned. (For once, Ermita may be right. But so soon after the summary dismissal of Philippine Ambassador to the United States Albert F. del Rosario, the Palace isn't in a very good position to plead the niceties of following procedure.) Ermita said the public disclosure of De Leon's resignation was much ado over nothing, even as he made light of the circumstances surrounding the resignation. "The whys and wherefores of his resignation as he claims it or his relief are not important," Ermita said. "It was supposed to be part of the normal rotation in the corps, and it was made an issue because of recent events in Fort Bonifacio."

Even as his subordinates threatened to throw the book at De Leon, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga was less confrontational. "That allegation that the Marine Corps is politicized is the opinion of just one officer," Senga said. "We should take it at that. It is the policy of the entire AFP that we should be apolitical and we are doing our best to follow that policy."

Indeed, De Leon's complaint about politics can't obscure his highly political decision to leak his letter to members of the opposition, and his not protesting the circulation of the letter in an impeachment forum. But now that its contents have been made public, his grievances will hound the Armed Forces.

De Leon's main complaint is that what matters most in the AFP is no longer loyalty to institutions or to the Constitution and to the Republic but to a cabal of officers rightly or wrongly perceived to be more interested in protecting President Macapagal-Arroyo than anything else. Regardless of the official rhetoric, this suspicion won't go away, precisely because the instinctive reaction of the AFP is to sweep any criticism under the rug.

Discord within the military organization obviously is real. De Leon, for example, is widely viewed to be in sympathy with the likes of his former superior, Col. Ariel Querubin, who provoked the standoff at Marine HQ last February. The AFP has still to file charges against Querubin and those who supported him, some of whom are still in the active service. Even as the military top brass are dropping hints that there may be more to De Leon's resignation than meets the eye, and even as they consider throwing the book at him while insisting that his is an isolated case, there remains all those pending cases—or, to be more precise, non-cases.

Compared to civilian justice, military discipline is harsh. And yet, in cases crying out for discipline, the military remains, or will not, move. Should the top brass begin punishment when some officers cry foul in public?

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The vanishing sidewalks

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THERE WAS A REPORT IN OUR NEWSPAPER several days ago saying students are not safe in our streets. This is true not only because of muggers and pickpockets and not drunk drivers, but also because of undisciplined drivers. Still the most frequent cause of accidents for students is the lack of sidewalks. Yes, there are no sidewalks in some streets.

To know what I mean, go to Tandang Sora Street near the corner of Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, going to Novaliches. There are no sidewalks there. The storefronts and concrete fences of private lots are at the edge, literally, of the street. There is no space for a sidewalk.

Every day thousands of elementary and high school students walk to and from the Pres. Corazon Elementary School and the Culiat High School, until well after dark, to take rides at the corner of Commonwealth. Because there are no sidewalks, they have to walk on the street, where they risk being sideswiped by speeding vehicles.

To make matters worse, jeepneys and tricycles park on Tandang Sora near the Commonwealth corner, in spite of numerous "No Parking" signs, to wait for passengers. Jeepneys and tricycle drivers have made the corner their terminal, even though this is a very busy traffic choked area. As a result, pedestrians have to walk around the parked vehicles at the risk of being run over by passing vehicles.

The infuriating thing is that there is a Police Community Precinct under the flyover at the corner. The policemen assigned there can see all the violations being committed and the resulting chaos, but they don't do anything. City Hall also sends traffic enforcers there and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) sends traffic aides during rush hours, but they all disappear during off-peak hours. At night and during weekends, when the rush is over, there is no one to enforce the law, ...

... are parked under the flyover.

But even when they are all there, there is no order in the sidewalks and pedestrian traffic. There are huge signs saying "Strictly No Loading/Unloading," but jeepneys and buses still stop in the middle of the street to pick up and disgorge passengers. There are two waiting sheds at the foot of the flyover, one on each side of Commonwealth, but hardly anyone waits there because the vehicles stop in the middle of the street, away from the waiting sheds. So the pedestrians wait for the vehicles in the street instead.

Even when there are traffic enforcers, they don't direct the pedestrians and vehicles to the waiting sheds. They stand in the middle of the street along with them, waving at vehicles which stop for the passengers only a few feet from them, in the middle of the street. Drivers just ignore the "Strictly No Loading/Unloading" sign.

Pedestrians have to risk life and limb to cross Commonwealth. There are painted pedestrian lanes, but drivers act as though these were invisible. They don't slow down even when they see pedestrians crossing. The pedestrians have to dodge the vehicles when they cross the street. Coming from the direction of the Quezon Memorial Circle, Commonwealth is also ... Buses and jeepneys race each other to be the first to pick up passengers.

You'd think that one or two of the enforcers would bother to stop the vehicles to allow the pedestrians to cross, but they don't. They just stand beside the "No Loading/Unloading" signs, along with hawkers calling for passengers for the jeepneys that stop beside them, completely blocking the pedestrian lane.

So the enforcers are not the answer? No, as they just behave as though they don't see anything, watching idly as the drivers flout rules in the bedlam.

But here is the strangest part. The MMDA started to build a pedestrian overpass in the area during the 2004 election campaign. A big billboard was put up, with the smiling face of President Macapagal-Arroyo, proclaiming that this was her project. After the elections, construction was stopped. The overpass is now two-thirds finished, with only the overpass over the westbound lane and the stairs missing. It has been years since construction was stopped. Completing it would make crossing Commonwealth less dangerous, and perhaps make traffic more orderly, but nobody seems to care. I asked MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando why the overpass is not finished and he said they ran out of funds.

This leads to another strange thing. I pass through this portion of Commonwealth and Tandang Sora every day and I haven't been able to spot anything wrong with them. But every few months or so, a contractor digs up the pavement and repaves them again. Why?

Somebody told me it is because there are still funds for these repairs and when the fiscal year is about to end, they have to be spent or they would revert back to the General Fund. So the Department of Public Works and Highways gives repair jobs to friendly contractors so the funds would not be forfeited.

But if there are extra funds, why not use them to put sidewalks on Tandang Sora or to finish the footbridge?

Finally, what is a Police Community Precinct for but to enforce law and order on a given site at all hours? The precinct under the flyover does not do that. It only shows that you can violate the law in plain view of policemen and nothing will happen to you.

Int'l law constraints in GMA's war

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT "WAR IS THE vanishing point of law," and that, before the power of arms, the laws are silent. But, according to all of us, the civilized world has evolved from ground rules. ...

... apply in the field. After all, Chairman Mao himself called war "the measure of control ... " ...

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100kg of 'bangus' die daily in fish kill in Subic Bay





MILITANT groups demanding wage increases hold protests in Manila. The Left is at the forefront of wage hike demands. A bill was filed in Congress legislating a P125 wage hike but its fate is uncertain.

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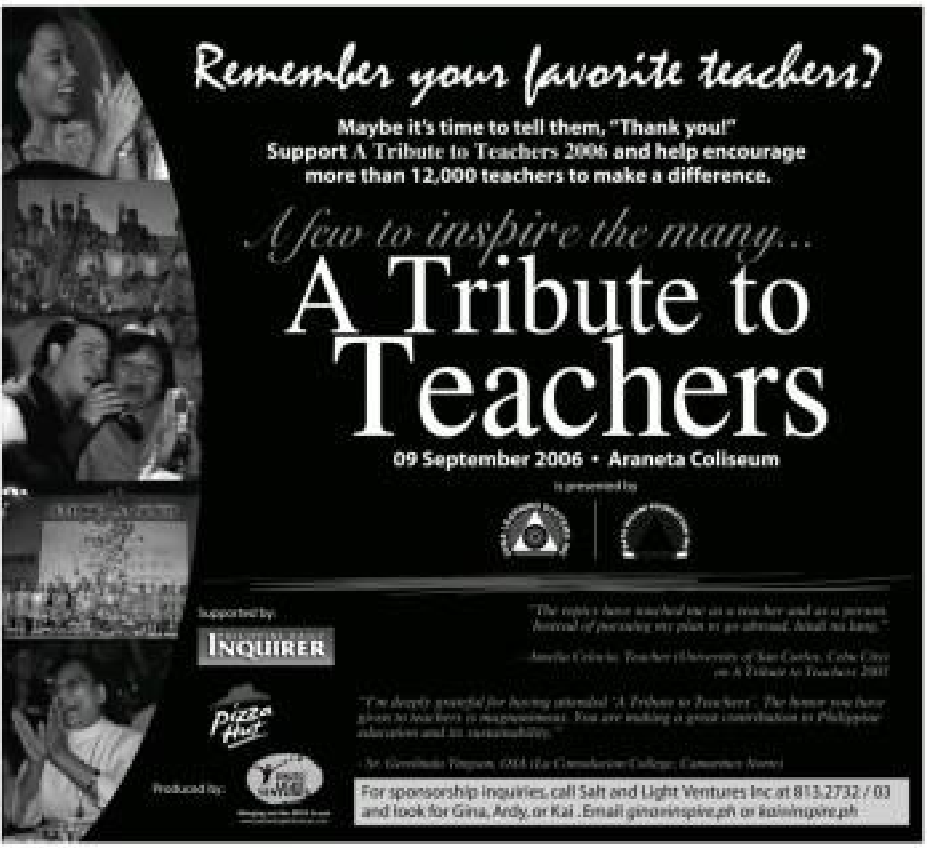
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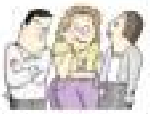


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China concerned about Nokor launch

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—China issued its strongest public statement of concern yet Thursday against North Korea over a possible long-range missile launch, while Pyongyang warned of clashes in the skies as it accused US spy planes of repeated illegal intrusions.

Beijing is the North's last major ally and key benefactor, and Washington has urged China to press the North to back down on its potential missile test.

"We are very concerned about the current situation," Jiang Yu, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said at a regular briefing in Beijing. "We hope all parties can do more in the interest of regional peace and stability."

Jiang said China would also "continue to make constructive efforts."

US President George W. Bush had praised China on Wednesday for "taking responsibility" in dealing with North Korea.

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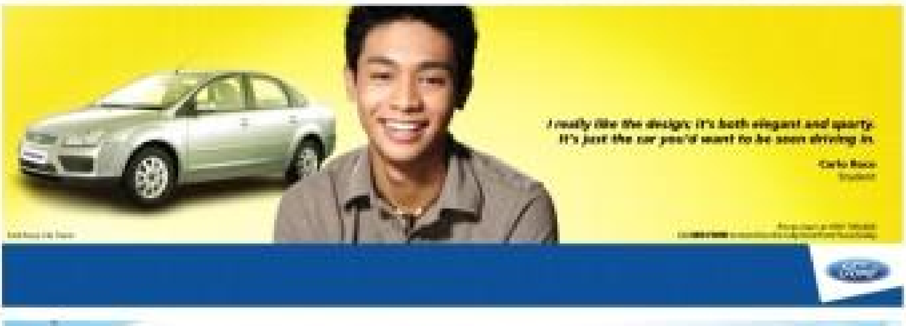


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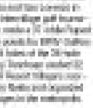
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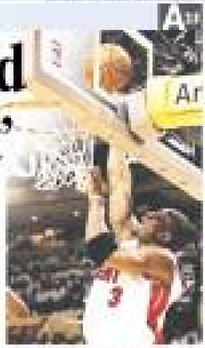
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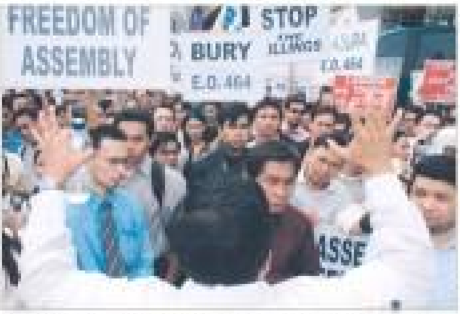
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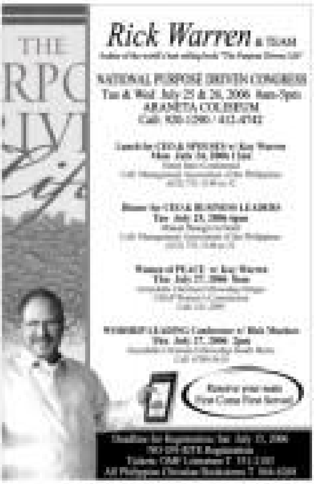
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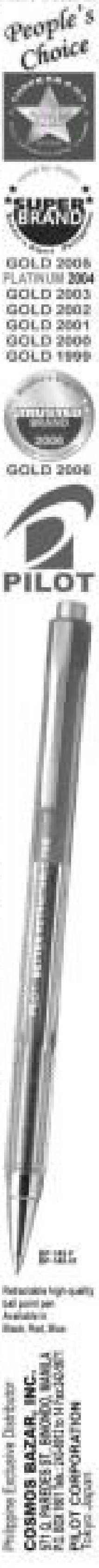






Ex-DepEd chief, others charged







WORLD TOURISM BEAUTIES

Nigeria steps up efforts to free 2 abducted Pinoys

Police not losing sleep

Frequent target

Identities withheld

Released after 18 days

US resets trial of man who made bomb threat

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Take care of OFWs, Cory urges host countries

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DFA: Istanbul Pinoys' new gateway to Europe

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NEW MINDANAO AIR LINKS [illegible]

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The vanishing sidewalks

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Int'l law constraints in GMA's war

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Ads in the 19th century

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How to undermine national interest

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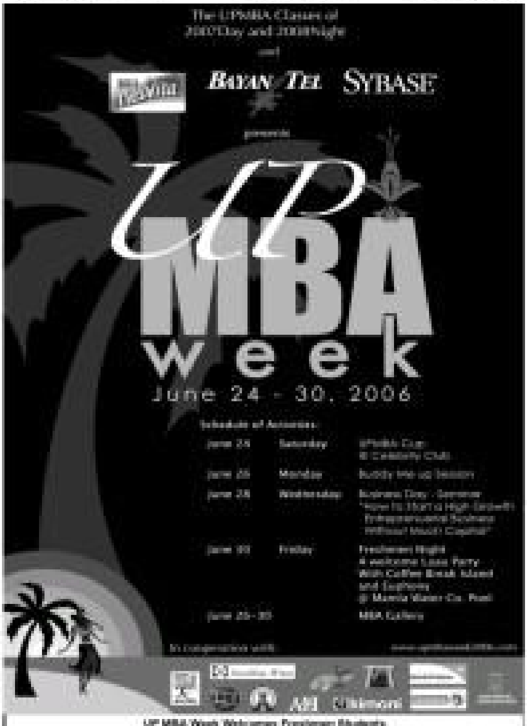
Congress told to go slow on Milk Code

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Excuse for emergency powers?

VOICES ON INQ7.NET

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Across the NATION

Biak-na-Bato mining put to a halt

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGAIN SUSPENDED the transport of ore from the Biak-na-Bato National Park in Bulacan where marble quarrying is being opposed by the provincial government and environmentalists.





MAJ. GEN. JOVITO Palparan

Black bugs top concern of Sorsogon farmers

Study says English has small role in gov't deals



A CLASSROOM in Baguio City where English is still the medium of instruction. A study says the use of Filipino or local dialects in government transactions could be more effective than the use of English in government agencies.

Palparan asks gov for 'private' talk on troop behavior



ISO-CERTIFIED Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn holds the ISO certification that his city got for its quality management system.

Probers see inside job in Boracay murder

100kg of 'bangus' die daily in fish kill in Subic Bay



SUBIC, ZAMBALES—LOCAL FISHERFOLK said the continued operation of illegal fish cages within Subic Bay was the cause of a massive fish kill that hit Barangay Cawag starting Friday.

Mark Figueroa, president of Samahang Pangisdaan sa Pangulohan (Sapang), said water pollution, particularly odor nuisance and algal blooms caused by the proliferation of illegal fish cages, triggered the fish kill.

Figueroa said the heavy stocking by fish cage operators and overfeeding proved deadly to the fish, mostly *bangus* (milkfish), which were being cultured in more than 120 fish cages in the waters of Sitio Mangan-vaca in Cawag.

Each steel or bamboo cage measures 20 meters by 20 meters.

Local fishermen said about 100 kilograms of *bangus* have been dying daily since the fish kill started on Friday. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has yet to estimate the losses.

Remedios Ongtangco, BFAR regional director, earlier warned fishermen of a possible recurrence of fish kill in Barangay Cawag after the BFAR conducted a water quality and underwater assessment of the area in January.

Ongtangco urged cage owners to follow proper stocking density during culture period to avoid fishkills.

A recent assessment by BFAR showed that silt deposits in the fish cages reached 1.5 meters.

Figueroa said cage owners had no permits from BFAR and the Environmental Management Bureau of the regional Department of Environment and Natural Resources, although owners were allowed to operate through resolutions issued by the Subic government.

Ongtangco said permits and licenses to operate fish cages and other similar structures in municipal waters should be secured from the local government.

Councilor [illegible], chair of Subic council's committee on environment and natural resources, said he would ask the council to nullify all resolutions on the operations of fish cages in the town. *—Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



MILITANT groups demanding wage increases hold protests in Manila. The Left is at the forefront of wage hike demands. A bill was filed in Congress legislating a P125 wage hike but its fate is uncertain.

E. Visayas board starts wage review

By Vicente S. Labro
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—THE REGIONAL TRIPARTITE Wages and Productivity Board in Eastern Visayas will hold public consultations and a public hearing starting this week to review minimum wage rates in the region.

[illegible], wage board chair, said the consultations will start on Friday in Ormoc City and in Catbalogan, Samar on June 28.

A public hearing on the wage issue would be held here in Tacloban City on July 4.

[illegible], also Department of Labor and Employment regional director, urged interested parties to file their position papers at the wage board on or before the scheduled dates of consultations and hearings.

So far, the regional wage board has not received any petition for wage increases from the labor sector in the region.

[illegible], wage board secretary, said the board would conduct the consultations on its own initiative after looking into various economic indicators like the inflation rate, peso purchasing power, consumer price index and oil price increases.

"We reviewed all these things and as a result we found that there's a need to review and consult with our stakeholders the wage issue," he told the Inquirer on Tuesday.

In a meeting last June 16, [illegible] said wage board members decided that there was a need to review the current wage levels in the region following increases in oil prices and prices of basic commodities.

He said after the public consultations and hearing, the board would convene again to assess the results.

Eastern Visayas has more than 1.5 million workers in Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Samar, Eastern Samar and Northern Samar.

In June 2005, the board approved an P11 increase in the cost of living allowance that was integrated into the basic pay.

GMA asked to suspend land reform

BACOLOD CITY—A GROUP OF BUSINESS and labor leaders and government officials in Negros Occidental on Wednesday asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to suspend the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.



MILITANTS and peasant groups rally near Malacañang expressing outrage against political killings and what they said was the failure of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

One Voice: We need reforms, not Cha-cha

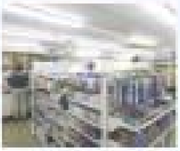
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Pastor, lawyer shot dead

Parishioner was target of attack in front of QC church

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Topnotch Manilans honored tonight

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Awardees

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Speaker

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Manilans most courteous in Asia, survey shows



Private safety group supports billboard ban

LPG cylinder stove causes fire in Pasay jail



Security beefed up in South Metro stores

MetroBriefs



Wear uniform, or lose your job

Fight crime instead

32 'fixers' arrested



THE SAN Andreas fault on the Carrizo Plain in California. The southern end of the fault near Los Angeles, which has been still for more than two centuries, is under immense stress and could produce a massive quake at any moment, a scientist has announced.

Earth hottest in 400 years

Study says humans to blame for global warming

San Andreas fault seen set for huge quake

WorldBriefs

New diabetes drugs

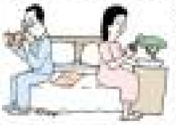
Saddam lawyer kidnapped, killed



SADDAM

Botched Israeli air strike kills 2 in Gaza

Falling Japan birth rate due to lack of sex



The WORLD

China concerned about Nokor launch

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—China issued its strongest public statement of concern yet Thursday against North Korea over a possible long-range missile launch, while Pyongyang warned of clashes in the skies as it accused US spy planes of repeated illegal intrusions.

Beijing is the North's last major ally and key benefactor, and Washington has urged China to press the North to back down on its potential missile test.

"We are very concerned about the current situation," Jiang Yu, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, said at a regular briefing in Beijing. "We hope all parties can do more in the interest of regional peace and stability."

Jiang said China would also "continue to make constructive efforts."

US President George W. Bush had praised China on Wednesday for "taking responsibility in dealing with North Korea."

Worries over a potential North Korean launch have grown in recent weeks after reports of activity at the North's launch site on its northeastern coast where US officials say a Taepodong-2 missile—believed capable of reaching parts of the United States—is poised for firing.

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WHAT'S INSIDE

- Wade feels weird as 'Air Apparent' /A25

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Roach wants early end for Pacquiao foe

By Manny R. Cariño



PACQUIAO



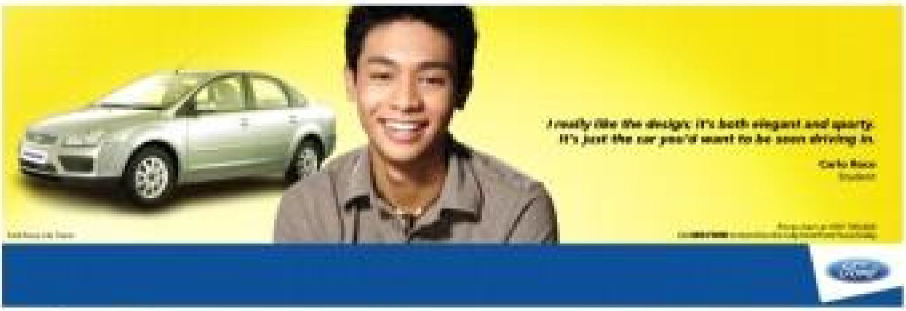
SAN MIGUEL'S Brandon Cablay snags the rebound off Red Bull's Rico Villanueva in Game 2.

Hot Aces try to push Giants into 3-0 hole

Valencia, Pagadian level series









Manipol rips women's 5,000 RP mark

Tanpinco, Roberto hurdle US matchplay opponents

PBA five set to see action in Jones Cup



FEU, Archers 650 grab Futsal lead

Racing Tips

BY TOP CHOICE

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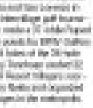
Sales wins Olympic test golf in playoff

BF Resort paces intervillage golf

Pasay 4-cock derby kicks off today

Amateur boxing goes to Mindanao

CLEAN LIVING



Manolo R. Iñigo

Cuevas, Standard Today sports editor, writes 30



AREVALO (center) with Valdez (left) and Hodges

Young Abby Arevalo goes all the way

Wade feels weird as 'Air Apparent'



Del Rosario settles for 3rd in tough Thai jetski series

Subic showdown tomorrow

SIPAG, NOT SWERTE

SPORTS

Portugal claims top spot; Argentina duplicates feat



US players confident of breakout vs Ghana





ENTERTAINMENT



ABC 5 to give docu grants

By Marinel R. Cruz

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG filmmakers. ABC 5 is considering giving grants to directors of documentaries or short films through its weekly TV program "Dokyu: Ang Bagong Mata ng Pinoy Documentaries."

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Screening

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The real score: Volante, Vicor and Villafuerte

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At odds

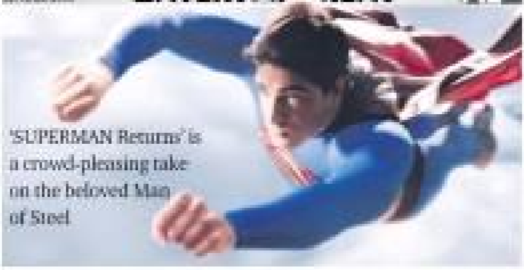
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Fixing it

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ABC 5 to give . . .

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'SUPERMAN Returns' is a crowd-pleasing take on the beloved Man of Steel

The return flight

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ROUTH as Kent/Superman

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Reincarnation

Uncomplicated



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Meryl wears the 'fashionista' devil well



'This character is not all that fun to play because she is basically unhappy at the core'



Only IN Hollywood
Ruben V. Nepales

'Pogi, sa'n ang amo mo?'



PAOLO Ballesteros and Miriam Quiambao

Miriam and Paolo

Are they or aren't they?

Simon says ...



BRITTANY Murphy

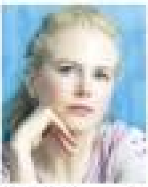


SIMON Cowell and David Hasselhoff

Crudup & Hawke

From cat to dog

RUSHES



NICOLE Kidman



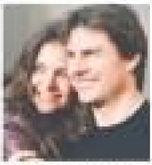
NAOMI Watts



CATHERINE Zeta-Jones

Hospital patron

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KATIE Holmes and Tom Cruise

Voice for Tinker Bell

He wants 10 kids

More varied and innovative movies coming up

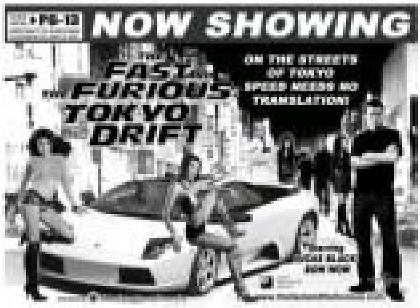
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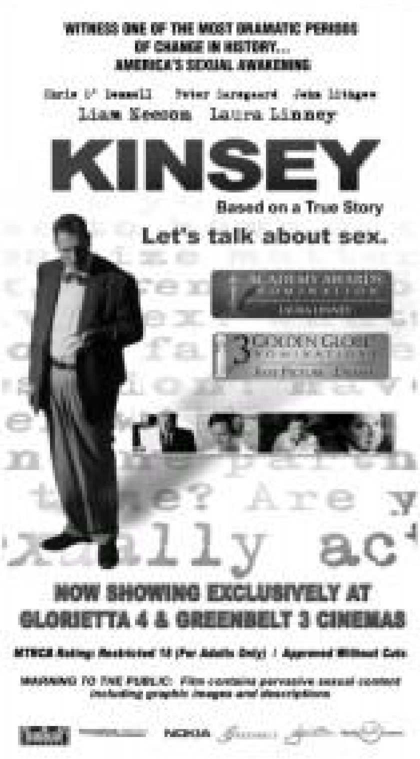
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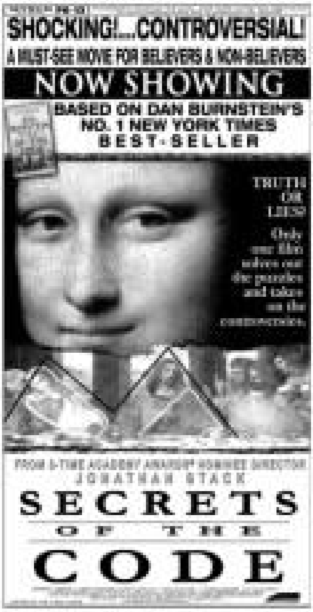
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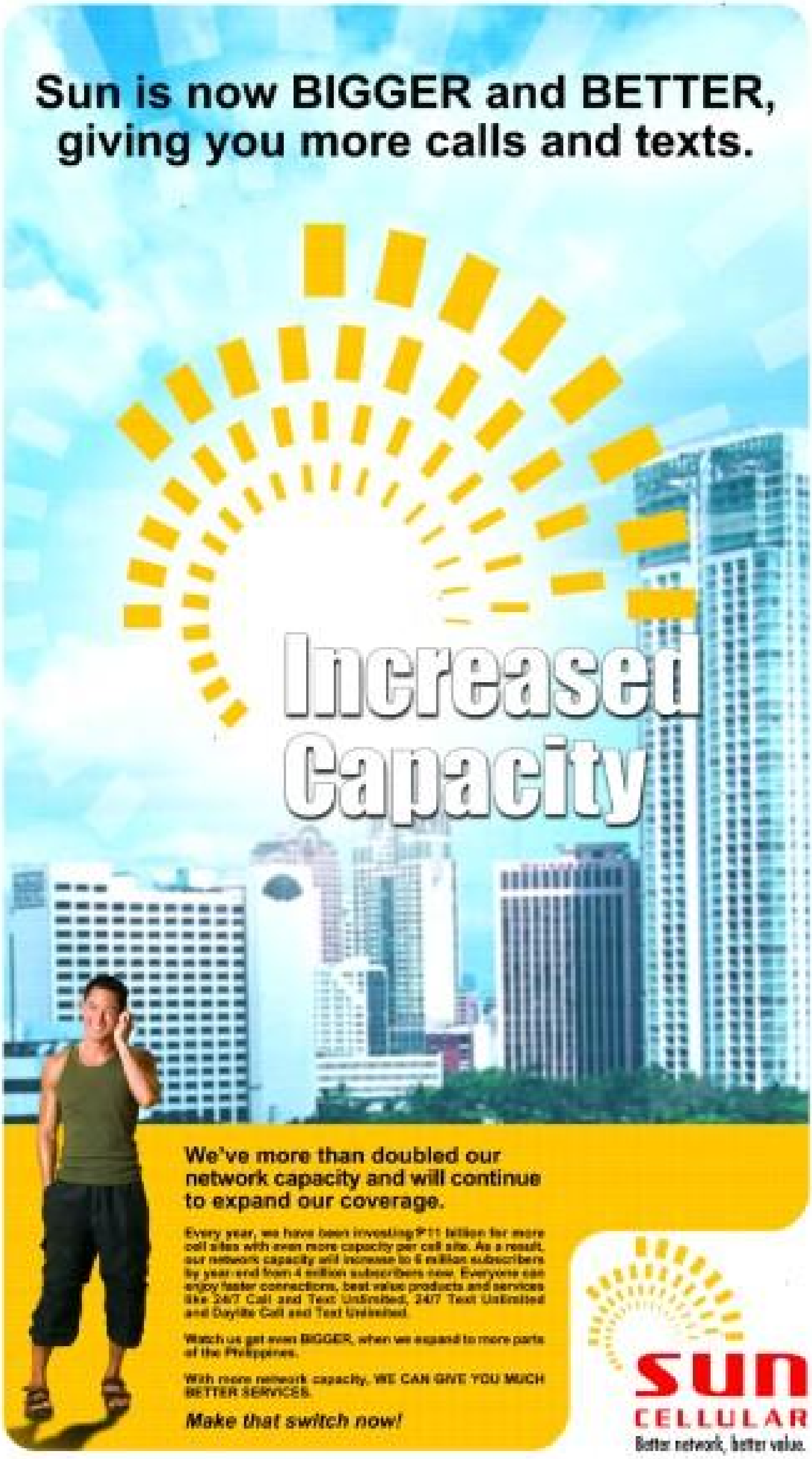




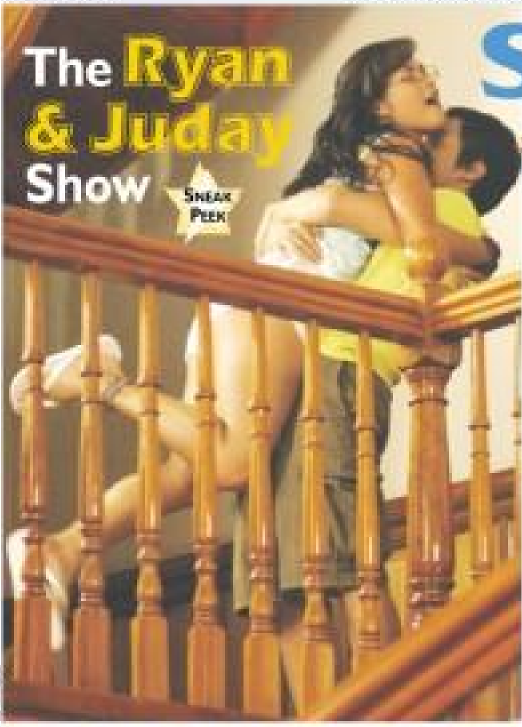







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STARS Living



PAPARAZZI SHOTS OF SECRET HONEYMOON!

A rehearsal for their planned life together is more like it. Real-life sweethearts Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo topbill a forthcoming movie about newlyweds. Playing their part to the hilt, they bring in the set [illegible] PlayStation Portable. More sizzling pictures in Sneak Peek, A2-3.

The Ryan & Judday Show

Their at-work essentials, not necessarily in order: food, fun, laughter, love

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

"LIKE A PICNIC."

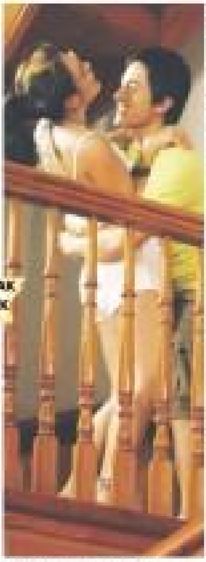
This is how Judy Ann "Juday" Santos describes the set of Star Cinema's "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," her first movie with sweetheart Ryan Agoncillo. [illegible]

Video games

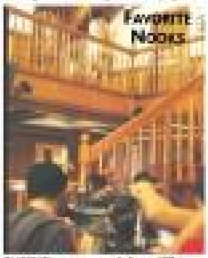
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Clothes, too

[illegible]



CUDDLING for the camera—sure.



FAVORITE NOOKS

PLAYING [illegible]





JUDAY wipes Ryan's back dry.



A FOOT massage between takes.

SNEAK PEEK



Call it a multi-purpose room

FAVORITE NOOKS

MICHAEL V

We call this the multi-purpose room. Apart from the dining room, this is where the whole family converges to unwind. [illegible] This is where I compose my songs or paint... also where I play video games, usually all the wee hours. [illegible] DVD here.

Marinel R. Cruz



'Embraced by the Light'

BOOKS

RITA AVILA

Betty J. Eadie's "Embraced by the Light" started my fondness for reading. [illegible] "The Kite Runner." It's Khaled Hosseini's first novel. [illegible] (Rita is fond of reading inspirational books. Part of her collection is "Eleven Minutes," which she is reading in this photograph. "Eleven Minutes," by Paulo Coelho, is about a naive young woman from Brazil [illegible] in Switzerland.)

Marinel R. Cruz

Stunning costumes for a superb show

SHOW STOPPERS

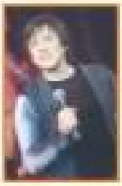
FOR THE REunion concert of the five generations of the New Minstrels at Aliw Theater last weekend, four names designers created the stunning costumes.

In other words, the costumes were almost as bongga as the landmark show, which had loyal fans of the [illegible] congregation [illegible], swinging to the beat, and smiling ear-to-ear for nearly two hours.



JOEY ALBERT-[illegible] [illegible] by Olay Sandico-Ong







CLOCKWISE from left: [illegible]



JINKY SOMERA [illegible] by Gaudee Gorrizge



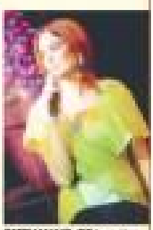
ALYNNA [illegible] by Gaudee Gorrizge



FROM LEFT: [illegible]



LOUANNE [illegible]



PATTI [illegible] by Olay Sandico-Ong





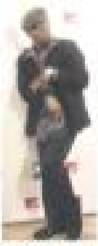
DAPHNE Oseña and Robbie Tan

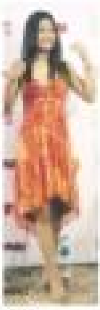
New moms & winners

PARTY! PARTY!








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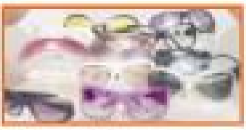
JOHN LAPUS

TAIL TALES



'You want to stand out? Suffer to death'









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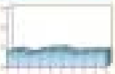
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Globe slams Smart anew

Ayala unit criticizes 'monopolistic' pricing scheme of PLDT's twin telcos

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Goldilocks wants more than ₱2B

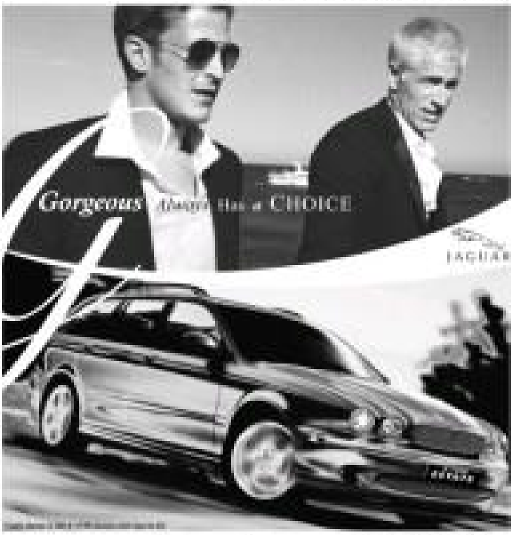
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Victor C. Agustin

La Salle rumble

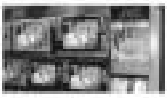
Wash Sycip, the park

Heard through the grapevine





A 'perfectly amazing deal'





PSHARE, TIME HOLD F&B MANUTECH EXPO

'Love and Laughter'



PRA CELEBRATES PEARL ANNIVERSARY, THANKSGIVING

FPP Mindanao 2006 opens

Low cost, high profit water station



Walter Bread for Kids launched



HK SUN PLAZA OPENS SOON





₱1.4-B Korea investment held up in Mimosa mess

Taxes under question already paid, says RCBC

Shares …

BIR expects …

Globe slams …





Gov't to address mismatch between skills, industry needs

Provision of scholarships for technical training

GCash brought to Asia

Filipino-Russian airline to expand in Mindanao



Move seen boosting development of the island as tourism, trade increase by 10-20% in 5 years

Sugar producers protest 3% import tariff levied on Kraft

P1.4-B Korea investment ...

BUSINESS *Friday*

No more narrow streets, crowded parking in this Chinatown

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

IN THE '60S, LAND IN the Ayala area in Makati City cost some P250,000 per square meter. Even today this is a steep price.

[illegible]



DE JESUS, Wenceslao and Ong



AN ARCHITECT'S perspective of the first phase of the Neo Chinatown along Diosdado Macapagal Avenue in Parañaque City

[illegible]

Tablets that purify water relaunched

A FIRM RECENTLY RE-INTRODUCED tablets that can purify water for drinking.

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What have we learned about 'Positioning?'



MARKETING Rx
Dr. Ned Roberto
C. Andy Roberto

IN 2001, MCGRAW-HILL PUBLISHED the 20th anniversary edition of the book, "Positioning: The Battle for Your Mind," by Al Ries and his partner, Jack Trout.

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THE LIGHT-HEARTED CEO

In retail, it's repeat business that will keep you going



WILLIAM Belo

When Donald meets Jerry



DONALD Lim

Ad folks turn green to honor a creative great

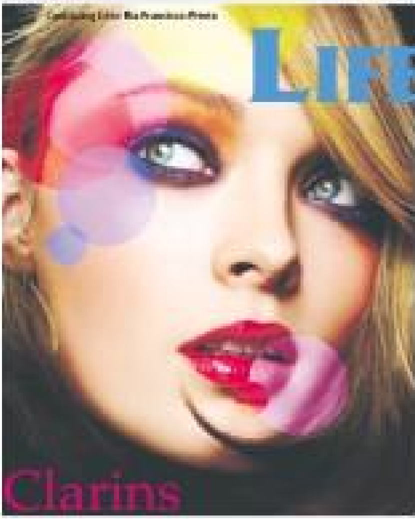


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Call centers seen to grow SMEs

Think long term, US bank advises investors

By Doris C. Dumlao



LIFESTYLE

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

BEAUTY



Instant Smooth Perfecting Touch as makeup base and erases fine lines, wrinkles and enlarged pores, P1,800
Quick Glow Puff Powder to illuminate the face with a subtle, iridescent bronze color, P1,800
Eyebrow Pencil in Plum, P822
Soft Cream Eye Color in Burnt Orange, P900
Wonder Volume Mascara in Wonder Blue, P1,000
Color Quench Lip Balm in Red Poppy, P815

Brand aid

It's good to be brand-conscious now and then—not so much for the price, but for the guarantee of quality these products provide



Ria Francisco-Prieto

I FIND MYSELF WALKING THROUGH THE counters of Rustan's a lot. Not because I'm a big shopper, but simply because I'm big on roaming. I've even noticed that nowadays when I do my "rounds," the sales staff sort of know what I'm doing so they figure they are better off not spending time on me.

Brand/C4



Powder foundation in Mont Blanc, P2,750
Blush in Madly (seashell pink), P1,750
Loose powder in Mesh, P1,900
Eye Brightener in Vanilla, P1,550
Single eye shadow in Party Monster (blue with gold shimmer), P1,150
Duo eye shadow in Brio Sailor (brushed gold and antique bronze), P1,750
Lip gloss in Sandpiper (shimmering amber coral), P1,350
Lip gloss in Orgasm (peachy pink with a touch of shimmer), P1,350





Brand aid



Awake



Bobbi Brown

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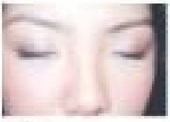
Estee Lauder

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Luxury liner

Eyeliner not only enlarges and draws attention to your eyes, it also adds drama, sex appeal, femininity to your look



Away, raccoon eyes!



Nail and beauty pampering for brides





Lip-locked

Makeover 911





PERFECTION Lip Wax Kit by Model Co

Beauty Bar

MODELCO Collection Wonderfull lip plumpers



LIFESTYLE

FASHION



Burn, baby, burn!

The temperature rises as the anticipation heightens for the disco-flavored "Bench Fever"

IT ALL BEGAN IN 2000 WITH "Brief Encounters." Then, four years ago, Bench teased us with "One Night Only," then the tantalizing "Underexposure" in 2004.

What: "Bench Fever"
When: Friday, June 30, 7 p.m.
Where: Araneta Coliseum

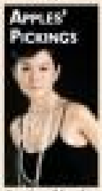
Splurge vs. steal

Your style quotient does not rise or fall according to the price tag of the items you're wearing.





A HOT YSL MUSE BAG OR A timeless Hermes Birkin does not a stylish woman make. Your style quotient does not rise or fall according to the price tag of the items you're wearing. Although some people are dazzled by designer logos and the latest must-have items, dressing with panache is not about how much money you have in your pocket.



APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani



Burn, baby, burn!



ANGELICA Panganiban



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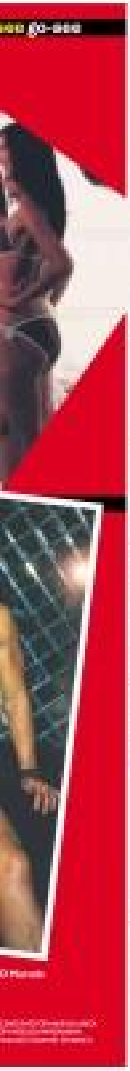














YOU'RE in Mode

Digging for Gold

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show-off shoes show-off shoes



350 ways to enjoy life from Acer

Bank Summer's just ended, but not with Acer Philippines, Inc. For them, summer is just starting, and it's still scorching hot at this time of the year with prizes galore that's sure to tickle everybody's bones with delight. Well, at least for the next two months.

Acer Philippines, Inc. introduces its "Win with Acer - Enjoy Life Promo" where every purchase of an Acer notebook computer or desktop gives customers the chance to win exciting prizes.

If you're not excited yet, try this for starters. For the 1st prize two lucky guys can win round-trip tickets for two to the USA. Well, your guess is right! These are round-trip tickets to two of the most exciting places on this planet, the jaw-dropping and awe-inspiring Universal Studios, and to the young and young-at-hearts' number one favorite, Disneyland. These prizes come packed with 4 days, 3 nights hotel accommodation and whole day long fun, adventure, and excitement at Universal Studios and Disneyland.

For the other major prizes, three lucky individuals get to bring home one Acer TravelMate 8222WTMi Pearl White "White Angel" notebooks each for the 2nd prize that he can show off to friends, office mates, and family



members. Ten winners, on the other hand, will win Sony Ericsson W550i mobile phones for the 3rd prize, while 15 lucky customers can win Canon Powershot A430 digital cameras and 20 can win 1GB iPod nano MP3 players for the 4th and 5th prizes, respectively.

But don't feel bad if you don't get any of the majors, since 300 other individuals can take home Bluetoo 512MB Swivel Pro Flash Drives!

So how do you get these fun and exhilarating rewards? It's simple. Buy any Acer product, that means either a notebook computer or a desktop that's pre-loaded with genuine Windows operating system from June 1 to July 31, 2006 at any participating Acer reseller nationwide and you get the chance to bag these goodies.

To join, just log on at www.acer.com.ph and fill out the customer information registration page. Each Acer product purchased is equivalent to 1 electronic raffle entry. Raffle draw will be held on August 18, 2006 at the Acer Philippines, Inc. head office, located at Unit 3401, 34th floor, PBCom Tower, Ayala Avenue cor. V.A. Rufino Sts., Makati City.

So buy that Acer product now, and be rewarded-remember, you have 350 chances to win and extend your summer enjoyment.



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GOLDEN empire

Dynamic design duo Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana display their Midas touch in their 2006 Autumn-Winter collection



GOLDEN armor

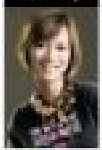


FULL metal jacket

Digging for Gold

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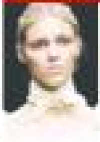
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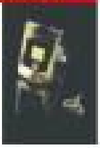




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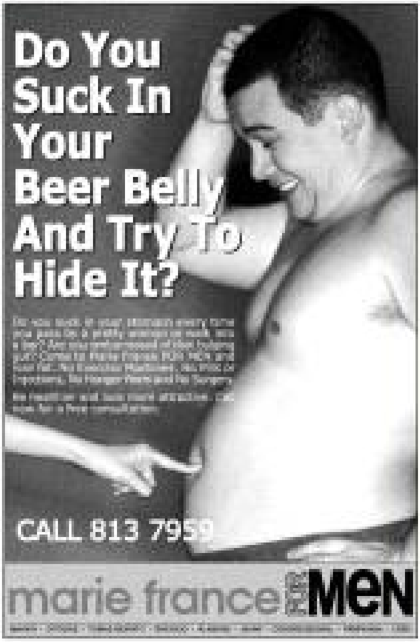


LIFESTYLE



Swing away

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEE OFF with the world's best amateur golfers in a prestigious tournament named after no less than the world's greatest golfer himself?









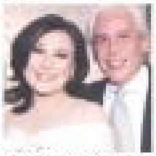


Pacific-wide party for Asia-Pacific conglomerate















WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using **Kodak** EasyShare

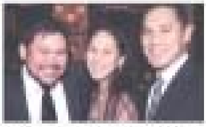


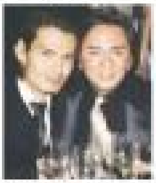






















The Claudio Bravo women—and some men

LIFE-STYLED



Thelma Sioson San Juan

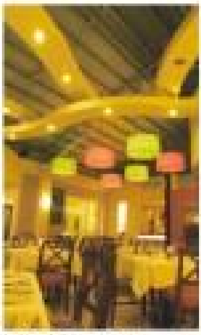
'Devil'

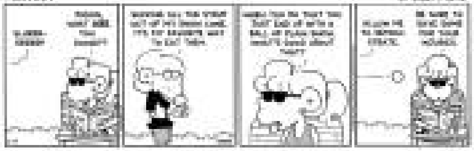
Helen the painter

Like Carmel

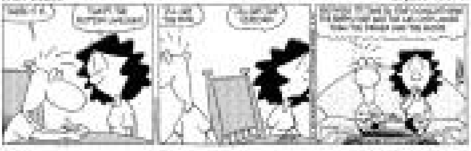


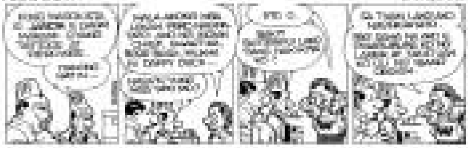
The Chilean artist painted the definitive portraits of members of Manila high society in the 1960s



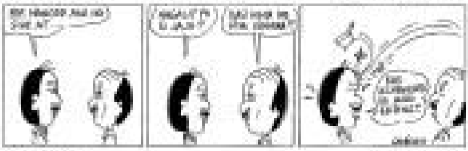


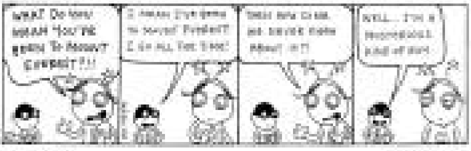


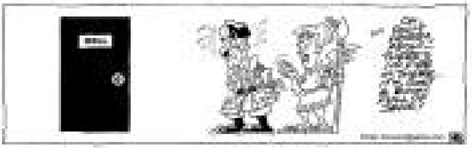


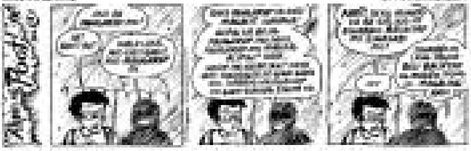


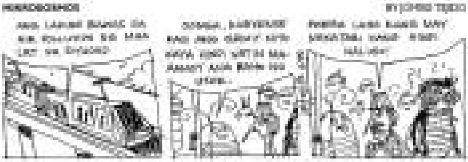




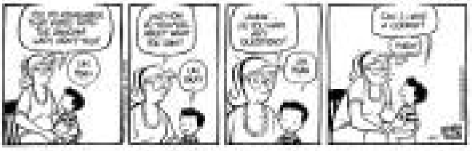




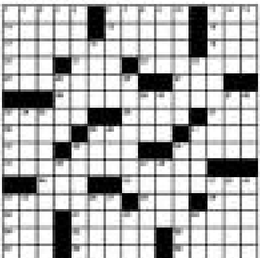


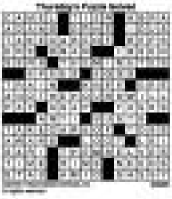






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HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

